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UNITED STATES SENATE

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ON THE

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1986

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:50 a.m. in room SD-215, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon. Bob Packwood (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Packwood, Symms, Long, and Bentsen.

[The press release announcing the hearing, the prepared biographical data of J. Michael Hudson, and a letter from the Office of Government Ethics follows:]

[Press Release No. 86-037]

FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW J. MICHAEL HUDSON NOMINATION

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Oregon) announced today that the Senate Committee on Finance will hold a hearing on April 30, 1986 to review the nomination of J. Michael Hudson to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Senator Packwood will preside at the nomination hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Michael Hudson, of Texas, was Special Assistant to the President and was previously the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget. He has served as the Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary to Senator John Tower as well as Representative Tom Loeffler.

Mr. Hudson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and his masters degree from American University.

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OUTLINE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED OF NOMINEES

A. BIOGRAPHICAL

1. Name: John Michael Hudson

2. Address: 503 A 14th Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

3. Date and place of birth: 02/27/48
Hollis, Oklahoma

4. Marital status: Single

5. Names and ages of children: none

6. Education:

American University
Washington, D.C.
1975-1976 M.A.

University of Texas
Austin, Texas
1969-1972 B.A.

Amarillo College
Amarillo, Texas
1967-1968 Associate B.A.

7. Employment record:

Title	Name of Employer	Dates of Employment
Special Assistant to the President	The White House Washington, D.C.	2/84 - 2/86
Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs	The Office of Management and Budget Room 243 OEOB Washington, D.C.	3/81 - 2/84
Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary	U.S. Rep. Tom Loeffler 1212 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C.	10/79 - 3/81

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Legislative Assistant and Press Secretary	Senator John Tower 142 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.	4/77 - 10/79
Government Relations Representative	National Society of Professional Engineers 2029 K Street, NW Washington, D.C.	
Information Specialist	Library of Congress Information Office Washington, D.C.	6/73 - 12/75
Information Specialist	Library of Congress Congressional Research Service Washington, D.C.	9/71 - 6/73

8. Government experience: I have held six positions with the Federal government, as indicated above, none with state or local governments, in any capacity.

9. Texas State Society of Washington, D.C.

10. Political affiliations

Tower for Reelection Campaign volunteer during leave of absence from official duties with the Senator, October 1978

Loeffler for Reelection Campaign brief periods of volunteer activities during leaves of absence from official duties with the Member, October 1980

Contribution to Henry Gandy for Congress Committee 1986

Contribution to Loeffler for Governor Committee 1986

Contributions to Upton '86 Committee

11. Honors and awards: None

12. Published writings: None

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Honorable Robert Packwood
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, I enclose a copy of the financial disclosure report filed by John Michael Hudson, who has been nominated by President Reagan for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

We have reviewed the report and have also obtained advice from the Department of the Treasury concerning any possible conflict in light of its functions and the nominee's proposed duties. Based thereon, we believe that Mr. Hudson is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing conflicts of interest.

Sincerely,

David H. Martin
Director

Enclosure

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The CHAIRMAN. Senator Bentsen, do you want to introduce our nominee?

Senator BENTSEN. I would, with pleasure.

Senator BENTSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am delighted to have a chance this morning to introduce the nominee to the committee. He is Mike Hudson who has been nominated to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs. He is taking over for Bruce Thompson.

I think Mike Hudson is an ideal man for this position because he has had experience on both sides of Capitol Hill.

He was legislative assistant and press secretary to Senator John Tower for about 2½ years, and then over on the House side he worked for Congressman Tom Loeffler.

He then worked on legislative affairs from the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, down at the Office of Management and Budget, and for the past 2 years has served at the White House as a special assistant.

Now that kind of breadth of experience I think uniquely qualifies Mike Hudson to work with the legislative branch and the executive branch in trying to mesh the efforts of the two together. Now that is a formidable task, but I think he is one that can assist in that regard.

And I recommend him not only because of his experience but also because of his intellectual and geographical qualifications. He was born in Oklahoma. He got a public education in Texas, and then went on to get a masters degree from American University.

Mr. Chairman, I have seen a lot of nominees come before us, but this man I think has some unique qualifications that really fit the job and I am very delighted to recommend him.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Bentsen.

Mr. Hudson, I am glad to have you before us.

Mr. HUDSON. Thank you, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any statement?

STATEMENT OF J. MICHAEL HUDSON, NOMINEE FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Mr. HUDSON. Senator, in the interest of saving your time and the committee's time, I have no introductory remarks other than to say to you and the committee that I deem it a high honor and privilege to have been nominated, and, if confirmed, look forward to working with you and other members of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Well I will say that I find the position that you are taking or a similar position in other departments very critical because you are the link between us and them in term of trying to work out compromises, which is 90 percent of what we do. And if the person in that job is inept or lacks background or is abrasive, everything falls apart.

Your reputation is just the opposite. And I am delighted that they selected you.

Mr. HUDSON. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Long?

Senator LONG. I see here that you were born in 1948 in Hollis, OK. Is that correct?

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Mr. HUDSON. Yes, sir, it is correct.

Senator LONG. I have announced that I am going to retire at the end of this term. That is the year I came to the Senate. [Laughter.]

When I see a person coming here to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury born the same year I came here, I think that might be a good time to retire. Unless you know of some reason why I should not, I am planning to vote for you. I think you had a good introduction and your credentials here look very good. Thank you.

Mr. HUDSON. Thank you, Senator.

Senator BENTSEN. Mr. Chairman, he is obviously a man of judgment. He did not make a long introductory statement. [Laughter.]

The CHAIRMAN. I want to note for the record that the committee has reviewed the nominee's financial disclosure materials and have received a letter from the Director of the Office of Government Ethics signifying that Mr. Hudson's compliance with the Ethics in Government Act is complete, and the letter will be made part of the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Congratulations.

Senator LONG. I might just say one more word regarding Senator Bentsen's observations.

The first time I had to offer an amendment I had Lyndon Johnson in my corner He had experience in the House before he came over here, so he was an experienced person even though he was new to the Senate. And he came over and whispered to me. He said, "Now don't make a long speech." He said, "We've got the votes unless you talk them out of it." So I just made a short speech.

So I am sure it would have helped your case, but there is no point taking a chance if you have the votes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any questions of Mr. Hudson, Senator Symms?

Senator SYMMS. No. I just wish Mike well. I have worked with him at the White House, and I think he is a good man. He will do a good job.

The CHAIRMAN. In that case, we are adjourned. And as soon as we have a formal markup, we will send you out.

Mr. HUDSON. Thank you, Senator.

[Whereupon, at 9:54 a.m., the hearing was concluded.]

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